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MUM'S PLEA FOR CANCER GUIDELINES

Booklet could help parents spot the danger signs

IT'S the moment every parent dreads – when a doctor tells you that your child has a rare cancer.

Just 18 months ago, Ramsgate mother Tracy Bennett had to come to terms with knowing that her four-year-old daughter Chloe was suffering from Wilms' tumour, a cancer that attacks the kidneys.

The disease spread to her lungs, but Chloe is now in remission after advanced chemotherapy. The youngster

■ BY IAN READ

must still visit Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital in London and the QEQM in Margate because, although the treatment was successful, it damaged her lungs.

Chloe has a large scar across her stomach as a result of the ordeal.

When Tracy was confronted with Chloe's illness, she had never heard of Wilms' tumour. She feels parents should be given an authoritative guide by the NHS that describes symptoms

of cancers, including Wilms', that may affect children.

Tracy said: "My little girl was ill and I had no idea she was suffering from an aggressive cancer. There should be a book for parents which describes in easy terms the causes and effects of these cancers. In Chloe's case, doctors were able to catch it early and she is doing well.

"The hospitals have done a brilliant job, but if I'd had access to a booklet I might have had a better idea of what was going on."

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HALE AND ARTY

Broadstairs soprano Sarah Hale will be returning to her home town to sing in her first concert since graduating with a degree in music performance.

Sarah, who recently completed her MA at Canterbury Christ Church University, returns to the isle after a series of engagements in The Netherlands, Folkestone and the Deal Festival.

Debussy, Roger Quilter and Scottish folk songs will all feature during the concert, at the Sarah Thorne Memorial Theatre, as well as classic ballads by Gershwin, including Summertime and The Man I Love.

The concert, called Summertime Songs, is being held on Saturday, June 5, from 7.30pm. Tickets are £8; to book, phone 0845 2626263.

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'It was him or me'. Machete attack fear led to knife killing, court is told

■ BY IAN READ

KILLER Paul Prendergast has told how he plunged a knife into the neck of a man he said was trying to hack him to death with a machete.

Former French Foreign Legionnaire Prendergast was in fear of 34-year-old Cathal 'Ivan' Hughes after he bruised his ribs with a mallet in a fight, he said.

A day earlier, Prendergast, 45, had taken part in a kidnapping, against his will, after Irish-born Hughes had sliced a six-inch gash in his neck and wounded him in the shoulder. Prendergast, who has pleaded not guilty to murder, said he was sitting on the floor of the bedroom he rented to Hughes at his home in Margate Road, Ramsgate.

Hughes was lying on a bed with the machete across his midriff and two knives by his side, Maidstone Crown Court was told.

The two men were arguing about Hughes repeatedly stealing and crashing a van he owned because the Irishman had a vendetta against Folkestone drug-dealers.

Answering questions from prosecutor Peter Alcock, Prendergast said: "It was him or me. He hit me over the head with the handle of the machete. I reached up and the blade broke in the side of his neck."

Hughes was stabbed several

times and police found the bedroom covered in blood.

Prendergast said: "I could see his hand tighten on the handle of the machete. I'm not a coward. I can face adversity. I thought I'd better have a weapon and grabbed one of the knives."

Prendergast was wearing just boxer shorts and a vest during the attack. He said Hughes was mentally unstable and had a past history of stabbing people.

Prendergast told the court: "He hit me. I was conscious of grabbing the knife and felt something nick my hand. This was self-preservation. I was putting up a desperate defence."

Mr Alcock said: "I put it to you, you were totally in control. Mr Hughes died in his duvet. He never left his bed."

Earlier, Prendergast told how he was coerced into taking part in the kidnapping of the partner of Hughes's ex-girlfriend from flats in Manor Road, Folkestone.

He said he had tried to stop Matthew Foster going into the fourth-floor flat because he knew Hughes was armed and dangerous.

The pair grabbed the terrified Mr Foster but let him go the next day. Two days later, Hughes was dead.

The case continues.

Chloe's mum makes cancer-booklet plea



OPERATION: Chloe's post-surgery scar

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE
 Enlisting the help of fellow mother and journalist Julie Knowles, Tracy has been gathering support.

They have a Facebook page and the backing of Thanet South's new Conservative MP, Laura Sandys.

Tracy said: "We are building up backing, the page is growing and we will be producing a newsletter soon."

"I'll be pleased if the NHS takes up our suggestion because anything that takes away those initial fears has to be a good thing."

Ms Sandys said: "I support the need for much more information for parents about the issues surrounding cancer."

Anyone interested in supporting Tracy's campaign can log on to the Facebook site or email her on tracybennett1@hotmail.co.uk.



APPEAL: Chloe's battling mother Tracy Bennett

Rape-charge cabbie appears in court

A TAXI-DRIVER from Broadstairs has appeared in court charged with rape.

David Stirrups, 53, of Whitfield Avenue, was arrested at his home on Tuesday last week after a woman in her 30s told police she was assaulted after a night out.

Stirrups has been charged with two counts of rape and one of indecent assault after an alleged incident at a Ramsgate address in the early hours of Saturday, April 10.

He appeared at Margate court on Thursday and was remanded in custody. He is due to appear at Canterbury Crown Court for a preliminary hearing on Tuesday, June 1.

Anyone with information that could help officers is asked to phone police on 01303 289600.

More turbines will be turning

TURBINES off the isle could comprise part of the biggest offshore wind farm in the world by 2016.

The Crown Estate, which owns the site, has given permission for turbine capacity at Thanet Offshore Wind Farm to increase to 300MW.

The Kentish Flats wind farm off Herne Bay will also expand. It can generate 90MW but will be able to produce another 50MW after expansion.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds says expansion could cause problems for red-throated divers, as the outer Thames estuary has been designated internationally important for the birds.

Alison Giacomelli, of the RSPB, said: "We don't know yet if we need to be worried. The problem is not collisions but that wind farms deny feeding grounds to diving birds."

"The developer needs to find out if the expansion area is a feeding ground. There is an area called Pan Sands we know is popular with birds. If the expansion was into that area, we would be concerned."

The wind farm can only be built once there has been an environmental assessment and consultation.

Ole Bigum Nielsen is head of offshore projects at Vattenfall, the Swedish firm running the two wind farms.

He said: "Vattenfall is pleased to have reached this important stage in the negotiations to extend Kentish Flats and Thanet wind farms."

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Biopic to reveal secrets of Carry On star Hattie

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

OOH, matron! A new biopic of isle screen legend Hattie Jacques is being filmed – and it is likely to contain a few surprises.

On screen, the Carry On actress was always the epitome of high moral standards, but it later emerged she was a love cheat in real life.

Jacques was married to John Le Mesurier – probably best known for his portrayal of Sergeant Wilson in Dad's Army – but the relationship was doomed despite them having two sons, Kim and Robin.

She moved in a new lover while Le Mesurier remained in the family home. The story goes that he moved into the attic of the family house in Margate, while cockney car-dealer John Schofield moved into Jacques's bed.

Le Mesurier refused to rock the boat, to avoid ruining his cheating wife's career, during their marriage from 1949 to 1965.

After the pair divorced, Le Mesurier moved to nearby Ramsgate and married his second wife Joan, who in turn ran off with his comedian friend, Tony Hancock, for a year before returning to Le Mesurier.

Ironically, Jacques had starred with Tony in Hancock's Half Hour.

Le Mesurier died from a stomach haemorrhage caused by cirrhosis on November 15, 1983, and is buried in the churchyard of St George the Martyr, Church Hill, Ramsgate. He was 71.



HAT'S ENTERTAINMENT: Hattie Jacques's complex love life was kept secret by husband John Le Mesurier; inset



Now Gavin And Stacey actress Ruth Jones is to play Jacques in a BBC biopic. It will examine her racy love life, which saw Jacques embark on an affair with the much younger Schofield.

Hattie – to be screened by BBC Four later this year – will examine her secret affair, which is a far cry from many of the more homely characters she played through much of her career.

Sandgate-born Jacques was also known for a long on-screen partnership with Eric Sykes in his TV sitcom Sykes.

Born Josephine Edwina Jacques, she died in 1980 from a heart attack, aged 58, with a final TV appearance that year in an Asda advert.

Despite appearing in 14 Carry On movies, her physical stature meant she was often cast as matronly characters, which sparked the now cultural classic exclamation "Ooh, matron!" from Kenneth Williams.

Ms Jones is best known for her role as the ample Nessa in Gavin And Stacey. She also appeared in BBC One's recent adaptation of Tess Of The D'Urbervilles.

She said: "Hattie Jacques is a comedy heroine of mine and I'm thrilled to have been asked to play her."

"She was an incredibly talented and fascinating woman both on and off screen and so much more than just the 'funny fat lady'. I can't wait."

Jacques took her stage name after appearing blacked up as in a minstrel show called Coal Black Mammies For Dixie. She was compared to American actress Hattie McDaniel and the name stuck.

McDaniel was the first African-American actress to win an Oscar, for her supporting role as Mammy in the 1939 epic Gone With The Wind.

Executive producer Gemma Rodgers said: "The drama has a wonderfully warm heart and takes us behind the scenes of the public face of Hattie Jacques to reveal her unconventional but very modern relationships."

Seafront tragedy as postman dies

A POSTMAN died after his bike was hit by a lorry as he cycled along Margate seafront in the early hours of Friday.

Mick Garner, who had worked for Royal Mail for more than 30 years, was taken to hospital after the accident in Marine Terrace, which took place at about 3.45am. He died later.

Mr Garner, who was 61, lived in Garlinge and delivered to the Millmead area. He leaves behind son Jonathan, also a postman.

A keen Chelsea fan, he was hoping to see his team parade their Premiership and FA Cup trophies at the weekend.

Police closed the road for more than five hours, causing traffic snarl-ups during the morning rush-hour.

Tributes, including flowers, were left at the scene of the tragedy.

Anyone who witnessed the accident is urged to phone Kent Police on 01622 798538.

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A coast with the most?



SANDS OF TIME: Margate has been included on the short-list for the Great British Beach Awards. Online voting is open until next Wednesday.

MARGATE beach has been short-listed for a competition run by an ice-cream company.

To mark National Ice Cream Week, Fredericks has revealed the isle resort has been included in the inaugural Cadbury's Flake 99 Great British Beach Awards.

The celebration of our nation's best seaside towns gives the public a chance to vote for their favourite destination.

Beaches in eight regions have made the short-list and will now go head to head in a battle to outshine their peers – if you'll pardon the pun.

Fronted by TV personality Jeff Brazier, the short-listed nominations for the South East, South West, East Coast, North West, Scotland, North East, Wales and Northern Ireland have been compiled by a panel of experts – led by TV personality Jeff Brazier – all well versed in what makes a British seaside resort stand out.

They include David Else, lead author of Lonely Planet; Frank Barrett, travel editor of the Mail On Sunday;

wildlife expert and TV presenter Bill Oddie; and Kevin Cook, chairman of the British Surfing Association.

Mr Else said: "I've travelled the length and breadth of the country and had the pleasure of visiting many lovely beaches. The short-list reflects the charm and variety of Britain's coastline and I hope people have as much fun voting for their favourites as I had selecting my nominations."

Mr Brazier added: "It's a fun, family initiative which will get people thinking about the fantastic beaches Britain has to offer."

"I have great memories from my time spent in seaside resorts and regularly take my boys to the coast. There are hidden gems along the British coastline and I can't wait to see which one gets the crown."

Voting is now open until Wednesday, May 26. The winner will be announced on Monday, June 7. Visit www.cadburyicecreamland.com/#flake-99-beach-awards to vote.

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TIME AND TIDE: Ramsgate Main Sands is among nine Blue Flag beaches on the isle awaiting UK staycationers

Isle's Blue Flag beaches offer a clean getaway

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

THE isle will have more Blue Flags flying over its beaches than anywhere else in Britain this summer.

Thanet council says the success comes after a massive effort to keep the sands clear and clean in time for the seasonal rush of 'staycationers' as economic uncertainty continues to affect holiday plans.

The Blue Flag is Europe's standard to show which beaches meet specifications set down by Keep Britain Tidy. The council says a total of nine flags will fly in Thanet.

They were awarded to Minnis Bay, Birchington; St Mildred's Bay and West Bay in Westgate; Botany Bay and Joss Bay in Broadstairs; and Ramsgate Main Sands.

They have all kept the awards received last summer. Minnis Bay has held a Blue Flag

since 2002, while West Bay has been awarded one for the sixth year running. St Mildred's retains its flag for the fifth year running.

Westbrook Bay, Margate Main Sands and Stone Bay in Broadstairs also won back the accolade they were last awarded in 2008.

Blue Flags are only awarded to beaches that have the highest quality in water, facilities, safety, environmental education and management. Viking Bay received the Quality Coast Award for the fourth year running.

To achieve this award, beaches have to meet strict criteria, including clean sands, being free of litter and dog-fouling, have good access with good facilities and guideline water quality.

Mark Seed, the director of environmental services at Thanet council, said: "We're delighted to have more Blue Flags than any other council area in the UK.

"It shows how seriously we take the condition of our beaches. It's a great boost to tourism and a wonderful way to start another summer season."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Beware of fake policemen

BOGUS police officers have struck three times in a matter of hours on the isle.

Between 12.40pm and 2.30pm on Thursday, April 29, men claiming to be detectives called at the homes of pensioners in Thanet. After gaining entry, they have taken handbags and cash.

At 12.40pm, the duo called at a home in Princess Margaret Avenue, Margate. They then went to Luton Court, Broadstairs, and at 2.30pm targeted a property in Windsor Road, Margate.

One of the men is in his 30s and was wearing a grey suit. He claimed to be a Det Con Willis and was well spoken. He was accompanied by another male, aged about 16 or 17.

Det Sgt Claire Munday said: "Should someone call and you are not confident they are genuine, close the door and call Kent Police for verification. None of our officers will mind if you do this."

Charity partner chance

TODAY (Wednesday) is your last chance to nominate a charity to benefit from a supermarket's support.

Sainsbury's at Westwood is asking customers to name the charities important to them in the relaunch of the company's Local Charity Partner scheme.

A short-list will be drawn up and three charities invited to meet staff to talk about how Sainsbury's could help them. The store will then choose a charity to partner for the next 12 months.

Last year Sainsbury's stores and customers helped more than 750 charities across the UK through fund-raising and volunteering.

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THIS CCTV image of two men who may have bought alcohol for under-18s in Ramsgate has been released.

Police and council staff want to talk to the men as part of an investigation into the problem.

Six youngsters were stopped on Friday, April 23, as they were heading towards Ellington Park with 24 cans of lager.

Officers who seized the alcohol and poured it away then discovered the drink was bought for the youngsters at a Newington shop.

Buying alcohol for those who are under age can lead to a maximum fine of £5,000.

Licensing officer Nigel Cruttenden confirmed that the store could also be prosecuted for breaching its licence conditions.

The seizure of the drink was part of a joint operation by Thanet police's neighbourhood task team and Thanet council to

ensure licensed premises and taxi and private-hire drivers are adhering to the terms of their licences

Sgt Martin Turner, who leads the task team, said the majority of premises visited were "well run".

He said: "We take seriously what the community tells us matters most and are working closely with colleagues at the council to use our combined powers as an effective way of tackling drink-related antisocial behaviour."

Sgt Turner's team issued a warning to an off-licence for selling cigarettes to a teenager; spotted a man who had breached the terms of release from prison and returned a lost handbag to its

rightful owner.

Anyone who knows the names of the two men in the CCTV image is asked to phone Mr Cruttenden on 01843 236004.



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Four were issued with a fixed-penalty notice, £60 fine and three points after being caught speeding, while 14 drivers were issued with fixed-penalty notices, £60 fine and three points on their licence for using a mobile phone.

Eighteen drivers were fined for not wearing seatbelts and six cars were seized for no insurance. Finally, as part of Operation Cubit, 33 vehicles were taken off Isle streets for not having a tax disc.

Car-wash trade is going down drain

COUNCIL officers have pulled the plug on a car-wash business because it doesn't comply with contamination regulations.

They have given the owners of Chapel Hill Car Wash in Ramsgate Road, Margate, 28 days to sort out drainage problems.

Planning officers from Thanet council noticed chemicals and waste-water running straight into the road when they made a spot-check.

Under planning permission, the owners were supposed to ensure adequate drainage but so far haven't complied.

Principal enforcement officer Steve Albon said: "We've concerns about chemicals being washed straight into the road. That's why we have taken drastic action."

Business is fit and well as health club expands

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE Broadstairs branch of Bannatyne's Health Club is expanding, with planning permission having been won for a spa on the site.

Eight new jobs would be created as extra staff would be required to run it.

Dragon's Den star Duncan Bannatyne, chairman of the Bannatyne Group, has announced a £5 million investment to increase his hotel and spa operations across the UK.

The spa would offer spacious therapy rooms providing luxurious treatments for men and women, including body-massage, facials, manicures and hairdressing.

The spa business has been an area of growth for the group and the company believes in regenerating and investing profits back into health clubs, spas and hotels.

This enables members to receive the maximum benefit from their experience at a Bannatyne's club.

Bannatyne has identified a number of health clubs that would benefit from the addition of a spa, beginning with Banbury and Broadstairs.

Mark Amos, general manager of the Broadstairs club, said: "We are really excited about the introduction of the spa as it further emphasises our holistic approach to exercise."



HEALTHY INVESTMENT: Duncan Bannatyne, right, is expanding his health-club empire with spas, including in Broadstairs

"The dual treatment room in particular will be a fantastic addition and a great place for couples and friends to enjoy their spa experience together."

Bannatyne Fitness is the UK's largest independent health-club operator, with 60 sites across the country.

The Bannatyne's Health Clubs chain began in 1997 with the first on Teesside. The idea was

born following a skiing accident after which Mr Bannatyne needed regular exercise to recover from his injuries.

He could not find facilities locally and decided to use some of the proceeds from the sale of his previous business, Quality Care Homes, to establish the fitness chain.

It is hoped that work on the spa at the Broadstairs club will begin next month.

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Q How did you start your musical career?

A I started to become interested in music when my school, St Lawrence College, sent home a list of music classes. I chose to learn to play the piano and to sing initially.

Later, I learned to play the flute so that I could be a part of the school orchestra. More recently, I took up the harp, which I am learning with former Royal Marines musician Graham West.

My musical career really took off when I met my wonderful piano teacher, Jocelyn Emptage. She invited me to play in classical-music concerts and in festivals, where I began to win more and more first prizes, cups and trophies.

Then I became Kent Festival Junior Pianist Of The Year and was awarded a Canterbury Arts Council bursary. I have also been awarded the Best Musician trophy at the Thanet Music And Drama Festival for two years.

Q What instrument do you prefer to play?

A My favourite instrument is the piano – it's part of me, I feel connected to it somehow. My great-grandmother was an accomplished pianist and her photograph stands on our piano, watching over me as I play. I like to think that a part of her and her love of music lives on in me. I enjoy singing and playing my harp and flute as well, but the piano makes me feel complete.

Q How did it feel to sing and play for Tracey Emin when she came to Margate last month?

A I felt very proud and happy to be chosen to play for Tracey Emin, the Marquess of Bath and all the other important people at the recent Turner Contemporary event. I had a few butterflies, but they were from excitement, not nerves.

Tracey said afterwards that my voice was "beautiful, unusual and arty". She gave me good advice for the future, saying "Believe in yourself, even if no one else does. Believe in yourself and you will be successful. Just work hard, don't worry about what anyone else thinks of you, you don't need anyone else, you have your music, just as I have my art".

I like Tracey, she didn't talk down to me, she spoke to me as if I was on the same level as her, even though she is world-famous.

Q Who or what is your inspiration?

A I have been greatly inspired by Matthew Weston, a pianist who plays in concerts at the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club at Hilderstone College in Broadstairs.

The first time I heard him play Debussy's Clair De Lune, I was entranced and vowed that one day I would play as well as he does.

I'm inspired and uplifted by the music of Beethoven, Mozart and Bach, but Debussy is my favourite classical musician.

Nature inspires me, too, especially the sea.

Q How long have you lived in Thanet?

A I was born here and I've lived in Broadstairs all my life. Thanet is beautiful – I don't understand why people knock it. I especially love the beaches. To those who criticise it, I would say open your eyes, look around and see the beauty!

Q Do you like pop music – and if so, what artists?

A Yes, I love pop music. My favourite artists are Selena Gomez, Taylor Swift, Alicia Keys and Justin Bieber.

Q Does music come easily to you, or is it something you have to work on?

A Music comes naturally to me – it lives inside me and is a part of me and I can't imagine life without music.

One of my teachers once told me that in order to be happy in life I should find something I love doing and make that my work when I grow up. I cannot think of anything I would like to do more than play music.

Q Where do you want to go with your career – what are your hopes and dreams?

A I want to be famous and travel the world performing music. I'd like to study at the Royal Academy Of Music and become a concert pianist. Maybe one day I'll teach others.

Q&A

The 12-year-old musician and rising star from Broadstairs talks to **Tom Betts** about her passion for music, her inspirations and aspirations, a recent meeting with Margate artist Tracey Emin and her love of Thanet

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Stimson goes as Scally cuts Gills jobs after latest defeat

A WHIRLWIND week at Gillingham FC has led to an uncertain future for players and supporters of Kent's only Football League club.

Chairman Paul Scally moved quickly following the Gills' second relegation in three seasons on Saturday, May 8, announcing first the departure of manager Mark Stimson and then the surprising release of all 14 out-of-contract players.

The Dubai-based businessman told the BBC he was angered by the manner of the team's 3-0 defeat at Wycombe, which sealed the club's fate in front of more than 2,300 away fans.

He said: "The performance was alarming for me and I troubled about it all over the weekend. I don't remember feeling as low as I feel at the moment, because I feel I've failed."

"I appointed the manager and I stuck by

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

him. I gave him the funds he needed at every instance, I worked him a decent budget and I think we've got a very good squad of players."

Former Grays and Stevenage boss Mr Stimson was appointed Gills manager in November 2007 but was unable to halt the club's slide into League Two.

His new-look team bounced straight back with promotion via the play-offs in May 2009 but failed to win a single away game in a disappointing return to the third flight.

Resignation

Supporters verbally abused Mr Stimson and called for him to resign following the disastrous defeat at Wycombe, but the 42-year-old refused to budge until Mr Scally forced his hand two days later.



SHAKE-UP: Gillingham FC chairman Paul Scally, left, and the favourite to take over as manager, Andy Hessenthaler

"I'm contracted, but that will be up to the chairman," Stimson told KOS Media after the game.

"He'll make that decision and I'm sure he'll be honest with me. You can see that the supporters weren't too happy at the end and there were shouts of my name."

"That's a discussion myself and the chairman will have, and I'm sure he will make the right decision that he thinks will take the club forward."

The day after Stimson left the club by "mutual consent", it was announced that all 14 out-of-contract players had been released and were free to seek employment elsewhere.

These included captain Barry Fuller and popular veterans Simon Royce and Mark Bentley.

However, it was noted that the next manager would reassess the situation when he was appointed.

Early favourite for the job is former player-manager Andy Hessenthaler, who recently just missed out on a third successive promotion with his new club Dover Athletic.

Mr Hessenthaler told KOS Media early this week that he had received no contact from Mr Scally but that he would like to return to full-time management.

"I've never hidden my desire to return to Football League management," he said. "But I am on contract at Dover and have a job to do to win the Conference South next season."

Another candidate had been thought to be first-team coach Mark Robson, but he was released from his role at the club last week.

Paedophile gets a foreign-travel ban

A NOTORIOUS sex offender has been banned from visiting an entire continent.

The foreign-travel order prevents paedophile Frederick Stephens from going to Asia, where it is believed he intended to 'buy a wife'.

He had been part of the Wonderland Club that was smashed in 1998.

Stephens was among 107 men arrested for 'trading' photos of children over the internet.

He was jailed in 2001 for child sex offences.

This new order prevents the 55-year-old from going anywhere in the Far East for three years, thanks to the efforts of worried detectives.

The Margate father-of-two is also forbidden from entering Turkey.

It follows a civil action at Canterbury Magistrates Court. The case will not be reviewed again until at least May 2013.

Officers lodged the application after Stephens went to the Philippines last year without informing police, breaking a stipulation of his sentence for the distribution of indecent images of children in 2001.

A judge jailed him for 14 months in October for the breach.

He was brought to Canterbury from Wandsworth prison for the hearing on Tuesday last week.

A police source said: "He had to inform the police of his plans, and he didn't. That means he is back behind bars."



BAN: Stephens

Former MPs support David Miliband in leadership bid

DAVID Miliband has won the backing of former Kent MPs in his quest to succeed Gordon Brown as leader of the Labour Party.

The ex-Foreign Secretary was the first to throw his hat in the ring following Mr Brown's resignation on Tuesday last week, and the decision has been welcomed by fellow party members in Kent.

Should the 44-year-old win the leadership contest, he will have until 2015 to rebuild the Labour Party and mount a serious election challenge – unless the new Con-Lib coalition falls before then.

Other possible contenders include Mr Miliband's younger brother and former Energy Secretary Ed Miliband, ex-Education Secretary Ed Balls and outgoing Chancellor Alistair Darling.

Gwyn Prosser, who lost his Dover seat to the Conservatives, gave his backing to the elder sibling while simultaneously slating Mr Balls.

He said: "David has shown himself to be a highly effective performer. He has good leadership skills and has done a great job as Foreign Secretary, but most of all he is able to articulate some of the most complex issues. That's essential these days."

"On the other hand, Ed Balls has some unfortunate characteristics. I was not at all happy

with the way he stigmatised some of the very talented schools in Kent [as part of the National Challenge programme] and in my own constituency."

Before his election to Parliament in 2001, David Miliband had served as Tony Blair's head of policy and was credited for playing a major part in the Labour Party's landslide victory of 1997.

He served in various ministerial posts for the first several years of his tenure until being appointed Environment Secretary in 2006, and then Foreign Secretary a year later.

"I think David is dynamic and is an intellectual heavyweight who would have a broad appeal," said former Chatham and Aylesford MP Jonathan Shaw.

"He would be more than a match for the new Prime Minister and his deputy."

Despite refusing to reveal his pick for the leadership, former Gillingham and Rainham MP Paul Clark said both the Milibands could do a good job.

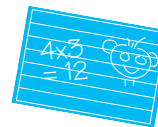
He said: "There's a wide range of talent out there and they both have their strengths."

"Both are equally very capable and possess a great number of positive assets."

"All the potential leaders would no doubt bring different things to the party, but the critical thing is that we have a leader who is energetic and who has a vision of how we should go forward."



CONTENDER: David Miliband is putting himself forward



BREAK TIME

Consumer kings go national with win

CHATHAM House grammar school students will represent the South East in the National Young Consumer Of The Year competition.

The Ramsgate school's team won the county final earlier this year and has just taken the South East regional final title in Bournemouth.

Next stop for the side is the national finals at the Trading Standards Institute annual conference in Edinburgh at the end of June.

The team won the title, a trophy and silver shield in style, emerging as winners with a burst of last-round scoring.

They pushed Filsham Valley from St Leonards into second place. Portsmouth grammar school finished third.

Talented scientists enjoy a day at uni

YOUNG scientists from Broadstairs have taken part in a countywide competition at the University Of Kent.

The four students from The Charles Dickens School were involved in a range of challenging activities including forensic-based laboratory work and the use of computer programs using face recognition.

The day was run in partnership with The Royal Society of Chemistry and participants were awarded certificates for their fantastic contributions and work ethic.

Teacher Janine Wells said: "Our gifted scientists had a fabulous day, working with excellent resources and equipment."

Grammars go to the polls

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

DESPITE the general election producing an inconclusive result and a hung Parliament, there were clear winners in a mock poll held by two Ramsgate schools.

Students at Chatham House and Clarendon House grammar schools took part in the hustings, with the Liberal Democrat candidate Ruby Guyatt, 17, coming top with 158 votes. She tempted voters with home-made fairy cakes topped with LibDem yellow icing.

Second place in the CHS hustings was politics student and Conservative candidate Charlotte Ferris-Lawlor, 17, with 125 votes. She also revealed that her 'sweetener' for voters included free ice-cream.

Third place went to Marco Geraghty, 18, with 114 votes; he revealed his poster campaign in the sixth-form common room of "pretty ladies" helped draw attention to his policies for some sections of the electorate.

He said: "It is important to encourage people at all different levels to get interested in voting."

Rohan Banjeree, 18, who stood as the Neo-Conservative Anarchist candidate, polled just 33 votes. He said: "I went a bit Monster Raving Loony Party with my campaign for my experimental fringe party."

His campaign included topping up pensions through military savings made by replacing troops with a missile-firing robot army. He is to study politics at university.

The turnout of 444 voters represented 60 per cent of the possible electorate, which mirrored the national trend.

At Clarendon House, where the result was announced on the afternoon of polling day, Thursday, May 6, the main national parties were beaten into the two bottom spots by the 423 voters who took part, representing a 72.7 per cent turnout of those eligible to vote.



UP FOR ELECTION: Ruby Guyatt, front, with, from left, Rohan Banjeree, Marco Geraghty and Charlotte Ferris-Lawlor

The youngest candidate, Katie Avery, 14, won the election for the Planet Thanet Youth Party with 118 votes. She campaigned on greater recognition and awareness of youth viewpoints in the district, free travel for under-18s, more sports facilities and environmental awareness including swapping printed books for e-books.

Overhauling

Runner-up was Levi Henry Roberts, 18, for the Levi Liberation Party with 92 votes. His policies included removing the House of Lords, overhauling the national drugs policy and opening borders to allow freedom of travel.

Third was LibDem Caroline Hobbs, 17, from Denmark, who polled 89 votes with pledges including getting rid of tuition fees and working for a greener planet. Fourth was Abigail Brown, 16, for the Conservatives with 67 votes; and last was Fatima Ewas for Labour with 56 votes.

The mock election was organised by teachers

Craig Lewis and Diana da Costa and the candidates wore rosettes, distributed campaign literature and wrote their own manifestos.

Mrs da Costa said: "At Clarendon the students were really excited when head of school Rose Coldwell announced the result. There has been great interest in the mock election and it has really shown students the importance of democracy."

"At Clarendon, if a student had not registered on the school roll, they were not eligible to vote, in much the same way if a person is not on the national electoral register they cannot vote – it was a good lesson of citizenship."

"Our first- and second-placed candidates in particular really did work hard and campaigned extremely enthusiastically and this was reflected in their success."

Mr Lewis at Chatham House said: "The mock election was a great way of raising political awareness."

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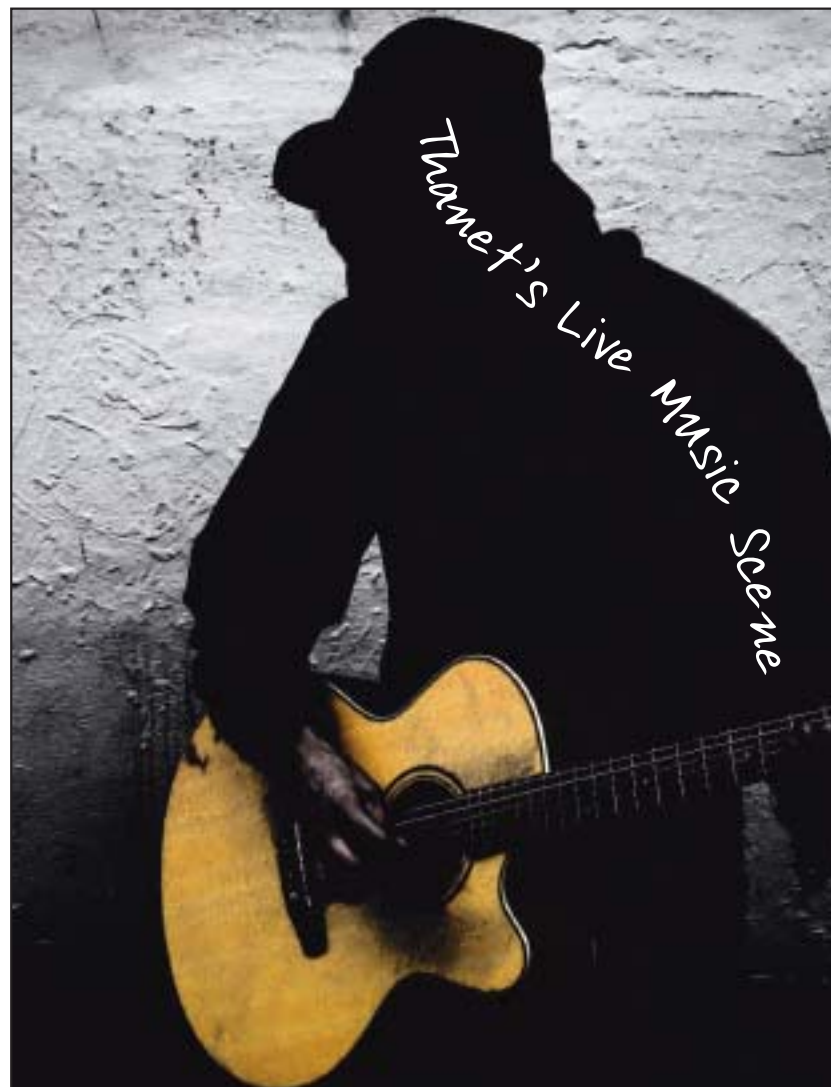
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YOUR LETTERS

Perky police will soon pay the price

Ahhh, what a shame! Poor Tony the policeman doesn't like the High Speed 1 train service because – somehow – it is stopping the “much-needed lift” in the Thanet housing market (last week's letters).

Sorry you won't be able to make a fast buck on your house, policeman Tony, but prices here are quite high enough, thank you.

But, in any case, we've all had to listen to endless boring stories about how HS1 will make Thanet the 'next big place' to buy, so I think you'll get your price rise soon enough, Tony.

Andy Montgomery
Margate

'Tony' laments the fact that policemen don't get subsidised travel on the HS1 service.

Sorry, Tony, but I can't offer you too much sympathy on that one – you'll just have to pay the standard fare like the rest of us.

I think policemen get more than enough perks as it is.

Mike Johnson
Broadstairs

Save us all from all becoming French

Imbecilic euro rats want to rename the English Channel the 'Anglo-French Pond'.

I watched the so-called 'great' debate between the three political parties and not once did I hear any questions regarding the way we are treated by Brussels.

As far as I can tell, not one of our big three parties really care about England. British taxpayers' money is being used literally to wipe our nation off the map, erase a thousand years of history and downgrade the English Channel to the insulting status of a 'pond' that we find in our back gardens.

Labour has already given away our rights to rule.

Every time Brussels ordered us to do something, Gordon Brown and his cronies jumped to it.

I am sick of the EU. When we were first told about joining, it was supposed to be for trade... Great Britain is no more.

Our fathers fought hard to keep it from the Nazis, and that ignorant Brown just gave it away.

He said he loved England – how could he? He's from Scotland and the Scots have always hated us!

The most famous channel in the world is going to be demoted to a mere pond – all with the help of Labour.

If the Tories and LibDems don't now get us out of the EU, we may as well all learn French because our English language will probably be banned by Brussels, too.

The European Economic Community established the Single Market in 1973. Why is it, then, that our food and every other commodity is far more expensive

your blogger

Clive Hart, the isle's Labour group leader, demands an end to crowded living conditions in flats



AT April's Thanet council meeting, my motion aimed at increasing the minimum area size for all new flats on the isle was referred to the cabinet for determination and/or report.

I now call on the new Thanet council cabinet to act swiftly and firmly on this issue.

During recent consultation on the Cliftonville Development Plan Document, residents expressed concern at the number of small units being created, leading to over-development and overcrowding, an issue ward councillors Linda Aldred, Doug Clark and I have raised consistently with the council since 2003.

The conversion of properties into flats across Thanet has often resulted in cramped living conditions where smaller flats have been created to achieve a higher density of dwelling units.

This can have serious knock-on effects regarding physical and mental health, as well as crime.

The dimensions of the property you live in can define your life. A national survey showed people were as anxious about getting away from members of their own family as they were about their neighbours.

Privacy affects everyone's stress levels and can even shape a child's future.

To rebalance our local communities, the council wants to encourage more families into urban areas and these families need storage for prams.

Property size is one of the main reasons people move and persistently transient populations in Thanet cause the council further serious problems.

The council's current 'conversion to flats' guidelines specify a minimum standard of 50 square metres for a two-bedroom flat. This standard is simply not appropriate for modern-day living in Thanet.

Through our 'no one-bedroom flat' policy that we fought for and achieved in the Cliftonville West Renewal Area, we have discovered that registered social landlords already insist on larger minimum sizes for their flats than Thanet council does for newly-built or converted flats in the private sector and we call on the council to end that anomaly and fix one decent minimum size for all new flats in Thanet.

• The motion put to council and which will be discussed by the cabinet on Thursday, May 20:
Following lengthy discussions with residents and neighbouring ward councillors during the consultation on the Cliftonville Development Plan Document and our many attempts throughout that process to have the minimum sizes for new flats increased, and as the council expressed the view during the DPD consultation that any size limitation on new flats should be decided for the district as a whole and not just for Cliftonville...

We now call on full council to increase the minimum area size for all new flats to – at the very least – match those for decent social housing requirements without further delay.

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here than in France?

We pay the EU more than £40 million per day – why and for what?

Wake up, you silent majority, before England is just another department of France.

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Election that waved goodbye to the BNP

So the BNP's Harry Williams has a whinge after his party was comprehensively trounced at the general election, barring a few extra protest votes.

In their target seats they and their “vile politics”, as Labour's Margaret Hodge put it, were rumbled and so lost many of their local councillors – all in Barking – and got nowhere in the Parliamentary seats.

As Winston Churchill might have put it, 'Never were so few so easily rebuked'.

He would also have seen right through leader Nick Griffin and volubly denounced him, especially for hijacking his image on the party's electioneering material.

As for the “indigenous” line, it was the “English” who swamped the Celtic peoples some 1,500 years ago, leading, I suspect, to the Williamses of the day to complain about that, too.

Also, after the last Ice Age, the locals were hunter-gatherers and, as has been found from recent genetic

research, it was migrants from the Middle East who brought farming techniques and then intermarried to foster 'modern civilisation'. Who, then, is “indigenous”?

As for “foreign companies” buying some of ours, it's swings and roundabouts, really.

We set up and/or owned many of them originally during the sad old Empire days from which Mr Williams and friends seem to be suffering a hangover.

Economies, as with companies, rise and decline and always have.

However, I suggest we need to move on to seek better and more internationalist ways of doing things anyway. This is especially so with global warming upon us, as climate-scientists have again shown (*US Science*, April 2010).

Accordingly, we need to find prosperity without growth, as more and more economists are arguing.

So I leave the BNP to self-implode via its internal squabbles, such as the recent coup attempt by Mark Collett, while the rest of us, from the leftist *Searchlight* magazine to the Conservatives' Nothing British About The BNP campaign, will continue to expose them.

Ray Duff
Folkestone

Answer the ultimate question of creation

I would like to comment on two letters in last week's issue.

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I agree in part with Ian Macmillan but totally disagree with Phil Granger, who asks the Bishop of Dover, the Rt Rev Trevor Willmott, to put his faith in God!

I would just like to ask both, as well as all others who believe in God, this one question: If God made man, who made God?

Any sane thinking person knows that everything has a beginning and an end.

So, again I ask: who made God? Please don't respond with the same old clichéd answers.

John R O'Neon
Folkestone

Rambling about for bargain price of £1

To celebrate its 75th anniversary, and for one day only, Britain's walking charity, Ramblers, will be giving away membership at unmissable prices.

As part of national Get Walking Day on Saturday (May 22), new walkers who take part in one of the fun, free short walks will be offered a £1 membership that will give them access to 28,000 walks per year, discretionary discounts and subscription to the award-winning *Walk* magazine.

The Kent walk, organised by Canterbury Ramblers, will start at 10am at the University of Kent visitors' car park in Giles Lane,

Canterbury.

Entitled Canterbury's Ancient Woodlands, it will be a four-mile leisurely walk through fields and woods, mainly along footpaths and involving some stiles.

The offer is available to people who join one of the named Get Walking Day strolls. The offer is restricted to the first 30 joiners.

Everyone and anyone is encouraged and welcome on Get Walking Day – no matter what their age, stage or walking ability.

If you can't join in with a Get Walking Day walk, but you need some help getting started, then visit our website

www.getwalking.org.uk.

Julia Bradbury
Ramblers president

LibDem supporters should join Greens

Kent Green Party has examined the statements explaining what the new coalition Government will do.

Our immediate conclusion is that unemployment will rise significantly as a result of the proposed policies of this coalition.

The new coalition is committed to immediate cuts in public spending of £6 billion, with worse to follow. This will, without question, lead to a rise in unemployment nationally and here in Kent and Medway.

This coalition is planning a second recession.

Sectors such as local government, the civil service and the university sector are already shedding lots of jobs despite obvious staff shortages.

This could be avoided: we could tax the wealthiest fifth of households more and increase taxes on large corporations, while closing tax loopholes and bringing in a tax on currency transactions.

We can also cut the bloated defence budget by bringing our forces home from Afghanistan in line with public opinion.

The coalition also begins life without a promise of a fair electoral system. Once again, despite clear public support, the new Government is to maintain one of the very few undemocratic electoral systems in the world.

We can only imagine how many Liberal Democrat members and supporters feel: they voted LibDem and got a Conservative government with mainly Conservative policies.

Green Party leader Caroline Lucas has already issued a national media release encouraging disillusioned LibDems to join the Green Party.

Kent Green Party invites LibDems in Kent and Medway to examine Green Party policies and join us.

Dr Hazel Dawe
Kent Green Party chairwoman

Not up for the cup

At last the seemingly interminable football season is coming to an end and we can all enjoy our cricket.

Perhaps our TV and radio will give us a break from all the hype. Oh no, I forgot, it's World Cup time!

Francis Beadle
Ramsgate



NOW HEAR THIS! Pulp's frontman Jarvis Cocker

Cocker's sound idea for trust

MUSICIAN Jarvis Cocker has worked with the National Trust to create an album taking listeners on a journey around its properties across Britain.

The former Pulp frontman has produced the 33-minute soundtrack titled National Trust: The Album using the sounds of birdsong, crashing waves and the wind rushing through country gardens.

One of the tracks features sounds from Chartwell, the former home of Sir Winston Churchill at Westerham.

The album, which is available to download free from the National Trust website, has taken three months to produce.

A spokesman said: "It is designed to showcase the peace and tranquillity people enjoy when they visit the special places cared for by the National Trust."

Jarvis Cocker's recording can be downloaded until the end of June at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/soundsalbum.

Online judgement puts sentencing ball in your court

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

THINK there are too many hardened criminals on our streets because of 'soft' sentencing by out-of-touch courts and judges?

If so, you can check out a new interactive website that has been launched in Kent to counter that perception by allowing the public to pass their own sentences on virtual villains.

They can then compare the outcome of real-life cases, with names changed, with their own sentencing suggestions.

One case is already online and it appears that most people agreed with the bench of magistrates shown in the interactive film of a man found guilty of criminal damage and given a community sentence – however, a few wanted him locked up for three months.

More cases will be uploaded in coming months.

The Kent Criminal Justice Board (KCJB) said it was concerned that many people still didn't know what happened inside a courtroom nor appreciated how complex an apparently simple hearing could turn out to be.

It has now created the chance for the public to



WEBSITE: You can judge the defendant in the interactive court, which gives an eye-opening view of the justice system judge and pass sentence on real-life criminal court cases.

The interactive guide to sentencing takes the viewer along the passage of justice step by step, explaining some of the usually hidden details.

It shows how the decision-making process works and gives visitors to the site the chance to be the judge and pass sentence themselves.

Acting Chief Constable of Kent Adrian Leppard, who chairs the Kent Criminal Justice Board, said: "Improving people's knowledge of how the criminal justice system in general and the courts in particular work is a key factor in improving public confidence."



The deputy chairman of the Magistrates' Association, John Fassenfelt, who sits on the Central Kent Bench, said: "The website is designed to open the system up to communities and help them see, first-hand, that the punishment fits the crime and the important part that magistrates courts play in serving their communities."

The KCJB comprises Kent Police, Crown Prosecution Service, Kent Probation, the Prison Service, Courts Service, Youth Offending Services and the Legal Services Commission.

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DAY & NIGHT

Auditions for musical

AMATEUR actors aged from 15 to 75 are invited to audition for a new musical, Friday Night Forever.

The show will be performed at the Tower Theatre, Folkestone in September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Auditions are at 10am and 2pm on Saturday. Call Simon on 07772 100798 or email nebularsounds@hotmail.co.uk.

Show tribute to actor

A CLASSIC Alan Bennett play will be staged in memory of actor and director, Peter Goldsmith.

Habeas Corpus is performed by Charing Guild of Players and Lenham Players at the Church Barn, Charing at 7.20pm on Friday and Saturday in aid of Cancer Research UK. Tickets are £7 from Wood You Like in School Road and by calling 01233 713725.

Dyslexia explained

FIND out more about dyslexia when Peter Smith of Wildwood gives a talk on Tuesday.

Wild about Dyslexia: The Struggle to Free an Untamed Mind starts at 8.30pm at The Spires Academy in Westere, Sturry. A £2 donation would be appreciated. For details call Dyslexia East Kent Support on 0845 003 8979.

Pianist plays classics

LOCAL pianist David Ruddock will give a recital of classical works for the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club on Sunday.

The concert, with music by Chopin, Schumann, Debussy, Liszt, Gillock and Beethoven, is at the Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs at 3pm and tickets are £9 or £32 for families of four. Call 0845 262 6263 or email info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

Army to invade club

ORANGE Street Music Club in Canterbury welcomes two members of New Model Army this week.

Founder and songwriter Justin Sullivan is joined by the band's guitarist-keyboardist for a semi-acoustic performance of New Model Army material at 8pm on Thursday. Tickets are £10 in advance or £12 on the door. To book call 01227 760801.

By royal appointment

RUSSIAN vocal ensemble Lyra will perform at Christchurch Church in Ashford.

The ensemble from St Petersburg has toured widely and was invited to perform in London by Prince Charles.

The concert starts at 7.30pm on Thursday and tickets cost £5/£4 for adults, free for under 14s. Call 01233 620600 or email franthony@sky.com.

Stand up for a laugh

ASPIRING comedians can step into the spotlight at Tom Thumb Theatre's open mic comedy night.

The small venue in Margate is holding the event on Saturday and tickets are £5 from The Joke Shop in Arlington Square, Margate. For details call 07904 554101 or email stevebradshawprents@yahoo.com.

Little ships head back to beaches

OPERATION DYNAMO 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Tuesday, May 25, to Thursday, May 27
Ramsgate Royal Harbour

SEVENTY years ago, Ramsgate played an important part in one of the most extraordinary operations of World War II.

Over a period of nine days in May 1940, 338,000 British and Allied troops were rescued from the beaches and port of Dunkirk in France. The Admiralty commandeered 800 civilian boats as part of Operation Dynamo and these boats became known as the Little Ships. Next week, the remaining 50 Little Ships will return to Dunkirk to commemorate the dramatic evacuation.

To mark the 70th anniversary of Operation Dynamo and the contribution made by the community, Ramsgate will be the focus for a series of events. The commemorations start on the evening of Tuesday, May 25 with a talk by David Welch, professor of modern history at the University of Kent. He will be giving a talk called The Story of Operation Dynamo – The Evacuation from Dunkirk – at the Oak Hotel.

On Wednesday, May 26, there will be a range of events taking place as part of Dynamo Day, organised by Ramsgate Heritage Partnership. A service for the Little Ships will be held at Sailors Church with veterans' standards at noon, followed by the parade.

At 1pm a lunch will take place at the Oak Hotel with a special guest of honour – Celia Sandys, granddaughter of Sir Winston Churchill and author of Chasing Churchill. There will also be a tribute to Dame Vera Lynn, performed by Kas.

The Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Allan Willett, will inspect the Little Ships at the Royal Harbour at 2.30pm and Reverend Tom Heffer, secretary general of The Mission to Seafarers, will bless the boats. The Mayor's reception will be held at Custom House at 5pm, followed by a skippers briefing at 6.30pm.

Step back in time for a 1940s-themed night of fun at the Belgian Bar and Cafe, with Tony LeSurf and Four's A Crowd from 7pm. The day will finish with a bang as the spectacular firework display gets underway at 10pm.

Early the next morning, the 50 original Little Ships will set off for Dunkirk, escorted by HMS Monmouth, the RNLI and the Maritime Volunteer Service. As they make their way across the busiest shipping lane in the world, thoughts of the dramatic and courageous evacuation will be at the forefront of everyone's minds.

A number of events will be taking place at Dunkirk over the weekend, including a memorial service on the beach on Saturday, May 29, and the Little Ships will return on bank holiday Monday (May 31).

The Association of Dunkirk Little Ships has been returning to Dunkirk every five years

Ramsgate commemorates its role in Operation Dynamo, 70 years after the dramatic rescue that saved more than 300,000 lives in Dunkirk

Picture: THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL



since 1965, when broadcaster Raymond Baxter – who had recently bought a Little Ship – decided to start the event on the suggestion of his young son. The only exception was 1970, when bad weather caused the event to be cancelled.

Operation Dynamo was set in motion on May 26, 1940, when the War Office sent a secret cipher telegram to the Admiralty stating that an emergency evacuation of troops from the French coast was required immediately. Although British and Allied Forces were fighting hard to stop the German advance through Europe, Hitler's troops had forced

them to retreat and cornered the Allied Forces in a small area around Dunkirk.

Hundreds of privately-owned pleasure craft were pressed into service, being taken to Sheerness to be fuelled, then marshalled at Ramsgate where Naval officers, ratings and experienced volunteers were put on board.

From Ramsgate, they set out to undertake the daring rescue and more than 300,000 lives were saved as a result. Today, the phrase 'Dunkirk spirit' is still used to express courage and determination in the face of adversity.

To find out more about Dunkirk Little Ships visit www.adls.org.uk.





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Postman Pat has been delighting young audiences around the world for nearly 30 years and this week he will be bringing his little red van to Margate. Along with his trusty sidekick, Jess the cat, and his fellow residents of Pencaster, Pat will star in a fun show that will enchant all the family.

Everyone in Pencaster has received a special letter from the Palace, announcing an imminent royal visit to the village. The VIP is coming to open the

brand new SDS sorting office, so the village and its residents must look fantastic.

But when a storm rages through the visit, it looks like the much-anticipated royal visit might be in jeopardy. As Head of the SDS, Postman Pat springs into action and attempts to save the day with the help of Jess and his new SDS helicopter.

The show starts at 2pm and tickets cost £11.50 for adults, £9.50 for children and £38 for families of four. Call the box office on 01843 292795/296111 or visit www.margatewintergardens.co.uk.



SUMMER SERENADE

Wednesday, May 26, Granville Theatre, Ramsgate

REVISIT shows from the past as the Granville Theatre hosts Summer Serenade.

The evening will be a celebration of music and song from much-loved musical theatre, performed by the Thanet Light Orchestra.

Vocals will be provided by singers Derry and Alice Martin during this concert of popular light classics. They have both recently landed leading roles with Ramsgate, Canterbury and Herne Bay Operatic Societies.

Founded in 1946, the orchestra is made up of professional and amateur musicians and they play a wide variety of classical and light music.

Originally known as the Broadstairs Philharmonic Orchestra, it changed its name to the Thanet Philharmonic Orchestra before becoming the Thanet Light Orchestra in 1981.

George Martin has been the conductor since 1969 and more than 40 years on, the orchestra is still thriving under his leadership.

The proceeds of the concert will be donated to the Granville Theatre, towards the cost of running and restoring the building.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £8/£7. To book call the box office on 01843 591750. For more information visit www.granvilletheatre.com.

LUCY PORTER IN FOOL'S GOLD

Saturday, May 22, Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



ENJOY an evening of 24-carat comedy as Lucy Porter reveals her thoughts on the glory of gold.

In her latest stand-up show, Fool's Gold, the charming comedian explores man's obsession with the precious metal and how the current financial climate has elevated its worth. Since the recession, gold has become more highly prized than ever, but why are we so captivated by the shiny, metallic substance?

The show promises to feature live alchemy, a tribute to Mr T and a very valuable 'gold thing'.

With her usual witty and enchanting approach, Porter gets big laughs out of unlikely topics. Combining a sharp sense of humour with the chummy persona of a gossip friend, Porter is a perennially popular comic and her show won great reviews at last year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

She has made appearances on Never Mind the Buzzcocks, Have I Got News For You and Mock the Week and won Celebrity Mastermind last year.

The show, suitable for over-16s, starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £15/£13. To book call 01227 769075 or visit www.thegulbenkian.co.uk.



BOB KENWARD AT FAVERSHAM FOLK CLUB



Wednesday, May 26, The Chimney Boy, Faversham

KENT music hero Bob Kenward has been entertaining folk fans for 30 years with his popular songs.

Next week, Faversham Folk Club welcomes the local musician to perform the songs that have earned him such a strong reputation over the decades. Renowned for his ability to chronicle life in Kent, both old and new, Kenward is one of the county's finest singer-songwriters.

His songs include Man of Kent, Sweet Pippin, King Hop, Doctor Syn and Romney Tower, which have become a staple part of the local repertoire and proved inspirational for other singers. Attracted by the strong choruses and appealing lyrics, many other artists have performed and recorded Kenward's songs.

Capturing the unusual elements of life, Kenward creates something memorable with his songs. He is also a talented musician, accompanying his singing on guitar, mandolin and harmonica. His set ranges from love songs to social commentary.

The concert starts at 8.30pm and tickets cost £5 for members of £6 for non-members. For more information call 01795 536857.



JIM DAVIDSON: IF I RULED THE WORLD

Friday, May 28, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



CONTROVERSIAL comedian Jim Davidson outlines what life would be like under King James in his latest show.

If I Ruled the World is his most outrageous show yet, featuring stories of loose women, the UK's involvement in recent wars and tales from the troops. In this highly entertaining adult show, he reveals how he would run the planet if he was granted overall supremacy.

The London-born comic began his show business career at the age of 12 and won the TV talent show New Faces, after an unsuccessful audition for Opportunity Knocks. After several series of his own TV show, he starred in the sitcoms Up the Elephant and Round the Castle and Home James.

Davidson proved himself to be an engaging family presenter, hosting the game shows Big Break and The Generation Game. But he continues to be a highly popular, if often controversial, adult comedian and is renowned for his blue material.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £21.

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Blondie join stars at the Hop Farm



JOINING LINE-UP: The timeless Blondie will be on the Hop Farm Festival's main stage

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

NEW-wave pop-rockers Blondie have been added to the Hop Farm Festival's bulging bill of all-time musical greats.

The timeless Debbie Harry-fronted outfit – famed for hits such as Sunday Girl, Heart Of Glass, Atomic and Hanging On The Telephone – will perform on the first day of the Paddock Wood weekender, taking to the stage before headliner Van Morrison.

Los Lobos, Imelda May and Damien Dempsey have also been added to that night's main-stage line-up.

The following day will see Bob Dylan, former Kinks frontman Ray Davies and Libertines singer-songwriter Pete Doherty grace the same stage.

They will be joined by Mumford & Sons, Seasick Steve, Laura Marling, The Magic Numbers, Foy Vance and Johnny Flynn.

Hop Farm bosses have also named a host of second-stage performers.

These include Afro Celt Sound System, Richard Thompson, Peter Green & Friends and Sweet Billy Pilgrim (all Friday) and Devendra Banhart, Jim Jones Revue, Tunng, Medway blues guitarist Pete Molinari and Jon Allen (all Saturday).

Festival-founder Vince Power said the latest additions had already gone down well with Kent's music-lovers.

"It's fantastic that we continue to see such a positive response from Hop Farm Festival fans," he said. "With the latest additions to the bill plus second stage and a third to be announced soon, there will be something for everyone."

The Hop Farm Festival will be held in Paddock Wood on Friday Saturday, July 2-3.

It boasts three stages, a five-a-side celebrity football tournament, comedy acts and a fun-fair.

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LINE-UP: Van Morrison, Blondie, Los Lobos, Imelda May, Bob Dylan, Ray Davies, Mumford & Sons, Seasick Steve, Pete Doherty, Devendra Banhart, Pete Molinari



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■ BY ED HILL

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One of the biggest attractions for visitors is the Parc du Marquenterre. This nature reserve, which was once a tulip farm created on land recovered from the sea, offers birdwatchers the chance to get close to a wealth of migrating birds.

Familiar species such as herons and oystercatchers can be seen, but there is also the chance to see white storks on their huge nests that look like the end of a chimney sweep's brush, not seen in the UK.

On your way to the region's capital Amiens, why not stop off at the town

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of Albert, which was totally rebuilt after 1918? An excellent lunch can be had at the Basilique restaurant in the town square opposite the church, with its famous golden statue of an angel and baby Jesus on the top of its tower.

The region's capital Amiens, just 30 kilometres away, makes an ideal destination for a short break.

Wander the ancient streets around the cathedral. The mighty gothic structure is a UNESCO world heritage site, with a remarkable façade full of intricate carvings of saints, kings and folklore.

An evening meal in the waterside district of Saint-Leu offers the chance to soak up the atmosphere of French dining.

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the city but also offers modern nightlife and attracts large numbers of students who study at the nearby Faculty of Science.

Amiens is situated at the conjunction of a myriad of rivers and canals. First-time visitors should take a boat trip round the floating gardens of the Hortillonnages.

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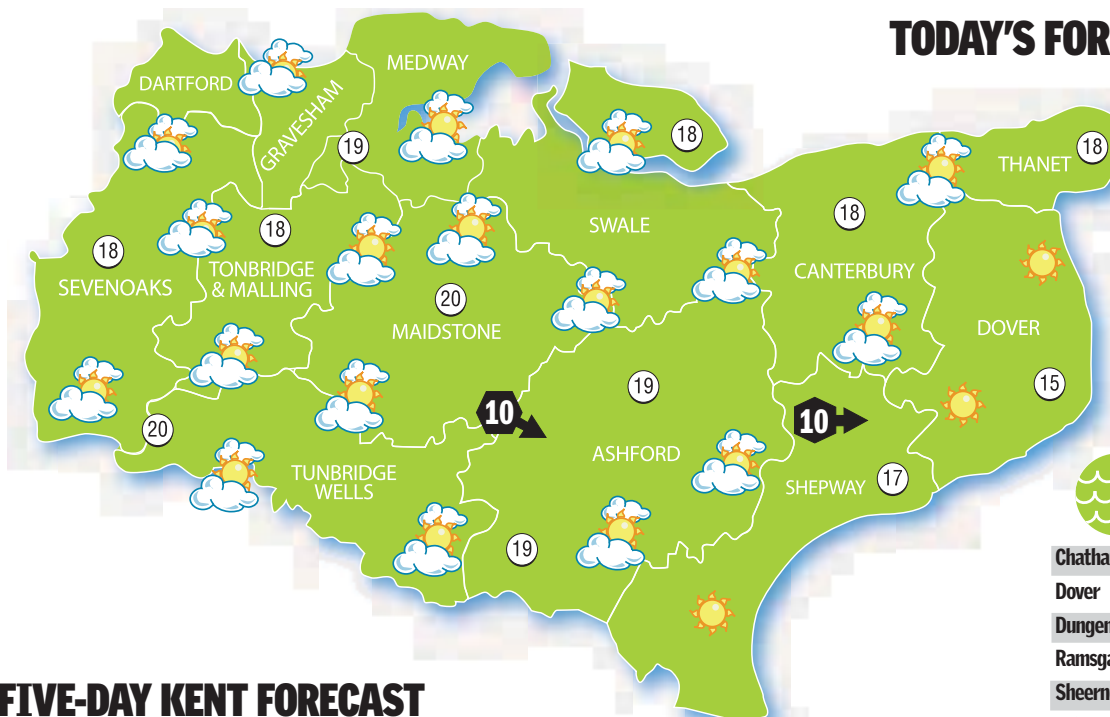
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Dartford	19°C	21°C	21°C	22°C	21°C	Gillingham	15°C	18°C	19°C	18°C	18°C	Rochester	15°C	18°C	19°C	18°C	18°C	Tun Wells	17°C	20°C	21°C	22°C	22°C					



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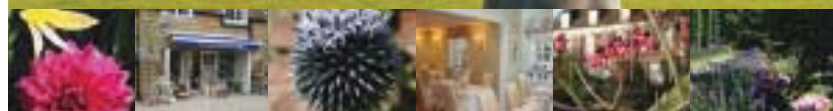


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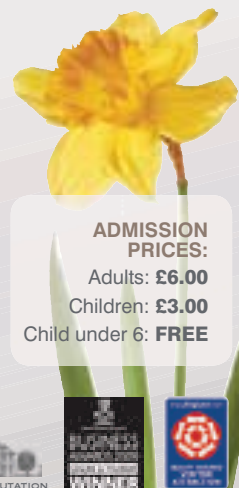
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Russell Crowe doesn't quite hit the bullseye in Scott's Robin Hood

■ BY DAMON SMITH

EVERY generation has its own version of Robin Hood.

Douglas Fairbanks donned the tights with pride in the early 1920s, followed by a dashing Errol Flynn with a feather in his cap in the 1930s and Richard Greene in the long-running 1950s TV series.

Disney cast a wily fox as Robin in the splendid 1973 animated version before Michael Praed and then Jason Connery portrayed "the hooded man" in the popular ITV series Robin Of Sherwood.

Kevin Costner flexed his bow to Bryan Adams' (Everything I Do) I Do It For You and most recently Jonas Armstrong sexed up the Saturday night schedule on BBC One as the eponymous crusader.

With each new incarnation, the mythology has been embellished and any historical veracity sacrificed at the altar of artistic license.

Director Ridley Scott and leading man Russell Crowe – who worked together on the Oscar-winning *Gladiator* – reunite for a thunderous new opening chapter in the legend of the 12th century folk hero.

Shot with Scott's typical bombast, this Robin Hood juxtaposes spectacular battle scenes with romantic interludes, political intrigue and melancholic flashbacks, all set to Marc Treitenfeld's rumbustious score.

It's unabashedly macho and predictable with an inevitable battle cry for Crowe to rally the troops into action: *Gladiarcher*, if you will.

Richard The Lionheart is slain on the battlefield by the besieged French.

Fearless archer Robin Longstride (Crowe) and his friends Little John, Will Scarlet and Allan A'Dayle head back to England.

In order to secure safe passage back home, Robin poses as slain knight Sir Robert Loxley and continues the ruse with the dead man's wife, Marion (Kate Blanchett), in order that she clings onto the family estate once ruled by the now blind and decrepit Sir Loxley.



GLADIARCHER: The latest Robin Hood starring Russell Crowe (above) as Robin, is unabashedly macho and predictable

Over time, Robin falls in love with Marion but any chances of an enduring romance are threatened by double-crossing Godfrey (Mark Strong).

Meanwhile in London, Prince John seizes the throne but quickly makes enemies of advisor William Marshal and his mother, Eleanor of Aquitaine.

Robin Hood is a lively jaunt through Plantagenet history, incorporating the famil-

iar figures of Friar Tuck and the Sheriff of Nottingham.

Crowe's accent roams the British Isles depending on who he is acting opposite, which is distracting, but Blanchett is luminous with an unshakable Nottingham burr, which adds warmth to some choice lines of dialogue.

"I sleep with a dagger," Marion warns Robin when they first meet. "If you so much as move to touch me, I will sever your manhood!"

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Strong doesn't overplay his villain, hissing all of the usual orders to kill Robin, with flecks of humour courtesy of the soon-to-be Merry Men.

Screenwriter Brian Helgeland ends with Robin and co exiled in the forest, accompanied by the title card, "And so the legend begins".

If Scott's film hits the bullseye at the box office, you can be sure that Robin and Marion will ride again in a sequel.

ROBIN HOOD 
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ALL AT SEA: BBC4 have documented actor Timothy Spall's barge trip around the UK



YOUR TV REVIEW TIMOTHY SPALL – *SOMEWHERE AT SEA*: BBC4, 10.30pm, Wednesday

■ BY ED HILL

YOU may have noticed BBC4 is currently in the middle of its *Sea Fever* season.

These themed nights give the corporation a chance to repeat a load of programmes under the banner of one all encompassing title.

But really it's just a cheap way to fill up the digital channel's airtime.

Sea Fever is no exception, but to make the viewer feel like they are not being totally ripped off, one or two new programmes are commissioned to hang the whole schedule on.

One of these is the actor Timothy Spall's trip around the British coast in a barge.

Timothy Spall: *Somewhere at Sea* is entertaining, but I am not sure if it's for the right reasons.

To say that Mr Spall is a nervous sea goer is putting it mildly. I have never seen someone so willingly

put them themselves in front of a camera to show how out of their depth they are (excuse the pun).

Timothy tells us he first began his boating life on the canals of Britain.

Then after a cancer scare he decided, with his wife Shane, to have a Dutch barge built so they could motor their way from port to port around the country.

I can't believe that the amount of stress he suffers in making the shortest sea-going trip is going to help the Leukaemia stay in remission.

In last week's episode Timothy and Shane had to make their way around Land's End to Newlyn, but first the actor, best-known for his breakthrough role in *Auf Wiedersehen Pet*, had to navigate

his way past the infamous Lizard Point. The Lizard is a long four-mile rocky outcrop that stretches under the sea. In bad weather it has caught out many seafarers.

Our hapless thespian skipper waited three months for the weather to be calm enough to take on the challenge. Even then, when the sea showed all the viciousness of one of those water features you see trickling away at a garden centre, he thought he might have to turn back. His anxiety levels rose as the Beaufort wind scale dropped to zero.

Despite this giving the viewer the feeling the best option is to jump overboard and swim for the shore, Timothy Spall's honesty about his lack of expertise is engaging.

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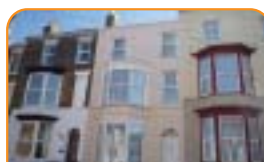
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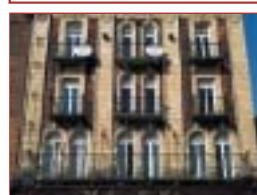
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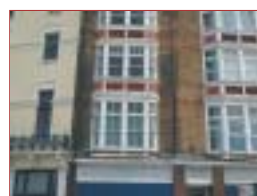
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- Two Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen, Double Glazing
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- Enclosed Rear Garden.



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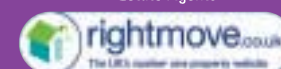
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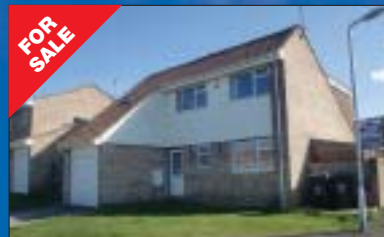
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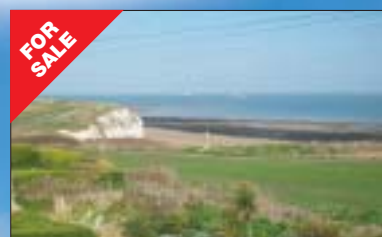
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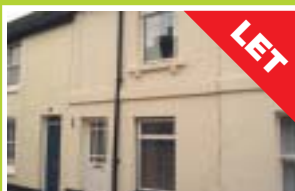
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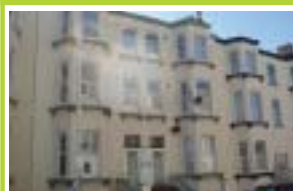
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CRICKET

BY STEVE TERVET

Kent League Division Two

Broadstairs 1st XI v Holmesdale 1st XI

MAKING up for the frustration of their rain-affected game at Orpington a week earlier, Broadstairs chalked up their first win of the season in emphatic style, beating Holmesdale by ten wickets.

Having won the toss and elected to bat, Holmesdale made an unconvincing start as David Roffey departed for eight and Andrew Cruttenden made 15 before he, too, was dismissed.

David East kept the scoreboard ticking on his way to 56 but wickets clattered all around him – Stuart Brown's departure sparking a total collapse with no other batsman reaching double figures and tail-ender Jaco van den Berg (9) the third-highest Holmesdale scorer.

The visitors were eventually skittled out for just 121, Martin Rattigan finishing with figures of 4 for 20 and Chris Kidd backing him up with 3 for 27 from his 14 overs.

Broadstairs' victory was never in doubt as openers Michael Ross and Jake Benfield took the game to Holmesdale and finished the job in the 20th over.

Ross contributed 33 but Benfield was the star act, hitting 81 from 57 balls, including 15 boundaries as Scott Narraway's side swept to a crushing win.

Broadstairs must maintain their fine form if they are to win on Saturday as they travel to face a Tenterden side who top the table having won both their opening fixtures.

Tenterden are the only team to have recorded back-to-back wins but Broadstairs start third, ten points behind the west Kent side, knowing top spot could be theirs with a win.

Broadstairs bowlers batter Holmesdale



ON TARGET: Broadstairs, bowling, ripped through Holmesdale's batsmen on their way to a ten-wicket victory over Holmesdale

SCOREBOARD

Holmesdale 1st XI

	Runs
David Roffey ct Brennan b B Ellison	8
Andrew Cruttenden ct Brennan b L Narraway	15
David East ct Benfield b Rattigan	56
Stuart Brown b B Ellison	7
Matt Barnes ct L Narraway b Kidd	3
Matt Topliss ct Brennan b Kidd	0
Mark Epps b Rattigan	4
Daniyal Domini ct S Narraway b Rattigan	1
Sam Blackaby b Rattigan	5
Jaco van den Berg lbw b Kidd	9
Pete Grove not out	0

Extras (4lb 8w 1nb)	13
Total (all out, 46.2 overs)	121

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Bradley Ellison	15	6	36	2
Liam Narraway	7	1	34	1
Martin Rattigan	10.2	0	20	4
Chris Kidd	14	4	27	3

Broadstairs 1st XI

	Runs
Michael Ross not out	33
Jake Benfield not out	81
Alex Hogben did not bat	
David Cooper did not bat	
Neil Brennan did not bat	
Scott Narraway did not bat	
Bradley Ellison did not bat	
Chris Kidd did not bat	
Martin Rattigan did not bat	
Liam Narraway did not bat	
Ashley Ellison did not bat	

Extras (1lb 11w)	12
Total (0 wickets, 20 overs)	126

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Mark Epps	4	0	19	0
Pete Grove	3	0	22	0
Jaco van den Berg	6	2	15	0
Matt Barnes	3	0	31	0
David Roffey	3	0	18	0
Sam Blackaby	1	0	20	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Ashford Town 1st XI v Sandwich Town 1st XI

SANDWICH Town left Ashford with nothing more than a losing draw after an exciting climax to their meeting on Saturday.

Skipper Matthew van Poppel took 5 for 48, but strong displays at the top of the order saw Ashford post 220 for 9 from their 50 overs.

Stuart Smith (77) and Vishaul Singh (44) helped put the visitors in a good position, but two run outs swung the balance towards the hosts. Any result was still possible in the final over, but Sandwich eventually finished six runs short of victory.

Ashford Town 1st XI

	Runs
Simon Taylor	ct Lawrence b Bradley 28
Liam Tegg	ct Lawrence b van Poppel 51
Luke Reeves	run out Bradley 45
Gary Sutton	lbw b van Poppel 28
Kyle McAlister	lbw b van Poppel 29
Peter Shields	run out Chapman 20
Sam Kennett	b van Poppel 5
Craig Buckham	ct Chapman b Bradley 0
Mohsin Raza	not out 1
Luca Sardo	b van Poppel 3
Darren Cooper	not out 0
Extras	(3b 3lb 2w 2nb) 10
Total	(9 wickets, 50 overs) 220

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	10	0	51	0
Liam Evans	8	1	48	0
Matthew van Poppel	15	4	48	5
Jack Bradley	14	2	57	2
Tom Chapman	3	0	10	0

Sandwich Town 1st XI

	Runs
Craig Snell	ct Kennett b Taylor 0
David Scoggins	lbw b Taylor 26
Stuart Smith	ct Sardo b Raza 77
Vishaul Singh	ct Cooper b Raza 44
Gary Burgess	lbw b Raza 22
Tom Chapman	b Taylor 10
Gavin Lawrence	run out 0
Craig Spanton	st McAlister b Tegg 9
Liam Evans	run out 3
Matthew van Poppel	not out 6
Jack Bradley	not out 1
Extras	(1b 5lb 3w 8nb) 17
Total	(9 wickets, 50 overs) 215

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Simon Taylor	14	3	34	3
Mohsin Raza	13	0	65	3
Darren Cooper	6	0	36	0
Liam Tegg	13	2	42	1
Craig Buckham	4	0	32	0

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1A EAST

Old Hartsdonians 1st XI v East Langdon 1st XI

MATT Williams proved the matchwinner for Old Hartsdonians as they won a low-scoring game at home to East Langdon by five wickets.

While several East Langdon batsmen made decent starts, only Christopher Broom went on to score heavily before he fell to Aston Smith for 46.

Smith took 5 for 20 and his bowling proved the platform for Hartsdonians' win as Williams steered them home with 72 not out after a shaky start by the top order.

East Langdon 1st XI

		Runs
Wayne Smith	ct Wheeler b Justice	29
Joseph Willcox	b Justice	10
Murray Allen	ct Williams b J Smith	10
Christopher Broom	ct Wheeler b A Smith	46
Stuart Wire	b Justice	10
Darren Morgan	b A Smith	8
John Sheather	lbw b A Smith	0
Matthew Applebee	ct West b Williams	14
Garry Phipps	b A Smith	0
Muhammed Saeed	b A Smith	0
Steve Walker	not out	0

Extras	(10w)	10
Total	(all out, 28.2 overs)	138

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Jake Justice	7	0	37	3
Jarrett Smith	5	0	38	0
Matt Williams	4.2	0	34	1
Aston Smith	7	2	20	5
Dave Wheeler	5	0	9	0

Old Hartsdonians 1st XI

		Runs
Dave Wheeler	.....ct Wire b Broom	12
Gary Wright	.....run out	0
Andy West	.....lbw b Broom	0
Josh Smith	.....b Applebee	18
Ben Pugh	.....b Phipps	12
Matt Williams	.....not out	72
Aston Smith	.....not out	5
Paul Downton	.....did not bat	
Robert Guild	.....did not bat	
Jake Justice	.....did not bat	
Jarrett Smith	.....did not bat	

Extras	(10b 2lb 10w 1nb)	23
Total	(5 wickets, 26.3 overs)	142

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Christopher Broom	9	1	33	2
Garry Phipps	7	2	28	1
Matthew Applebee	6	0	33	1
Darren Morgan	3	0	21	0
Steve Walker	1	0	11	0
Muhammed Saeed	0.3	0	4	0

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1B EAST

St Margaret's 1st XI v Hythe Green 1st XI

VICTORY always looked assured for St Margaret's as they piled on the runs and sure enough, Hythe Green fell well short in their attempt to chase down 282 for victory.

Paul Jamieson's 60 set the tone for the hosts and Haydn Beer hit 74 before Mark Parnell fell six short of his century as Hythe's bowlers struggled to assert any control.

In reply, opener Steve Cave made 31 but his team-mates failed miserably with the bat and Peter Bowley cleaned up with 5 for 26 to seal a 189-run win

St Margaret's 1st XI

Paul Jamieson	.....b Bush	Runs
Aaron Powell	.....ct Cobb b M Smith	17
Haydn Beer	.....run out	74
Mark Parnell	.....ct Cave b A Smith	94
Steve Blackman	.....st Cave b A Smith	17
Ritchie Hulks	.....ct Cave b Hunt-Cooke	2
Ashley Birchenough	.....not out	7
Daniel Kennett	.....not out	1
Peter Bowley	.....did not bat	0
Ryan Hulks	.....did not bat	0
Adrian Hulks	.....did not bat	0

Extras	(2b 6lb 3w 3nb)	14
Total	(6 wickets, 46 overs)	281

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Rob Hunt-Cooke	6	0	47	1
Martin Smith	9	1	56	1
Alan Smith	8	0	37	2
Joe Bush	11	0	68	1
James Rose	8	0	42	0
Matt Cobb	2	0	17	0

Hythe Green 1st XI

		Runs
Steve Cave	..ct Parnell b Bowley	31
Ian Thomas	..lbw b R Hulks	1
Owen Brown	..ct Beer b Bowley	9
Jamie Stewart	..ct Parnell b Bowley	5
Sam Partridge	..b Parnell	1
Joe Bush	..c & b R Hulks	19
Matt Cobb	..b Parnell	0
Rob Hunt-Cooke	..b Parnell	0
James Rose	..ct Beer b Bowley	1
Alan Smith	..b Bowley	2
Martin Smith	..not out	4

Extras	(7b 10lb 2w)	19
Total	(all out, 37.3 overs)	92

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Ritchie Hulks	8.3	3	21	2
Daniel Kennett	10	4	15	0
Peter Bowley	11	3	26	5
Mark Parnell	8	2	11	3

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 2ND XI

Sandwich Town 2nd XI v Gore Court 2nd XI

SANDWICH 2nds had to settle for a winning draw after a gripping encounter with their Gore Court counterparts, as both sides came within touching distance of victory.

Scott Blackman, Rhys Jones and Daniel Burgess all chipped in with valuable runs to push Sandwich's total up to 213 for nine, with Nigel Sharp taking three for 42.

Matt Tombs (67) got Court's reply off to a good start but the visitors eventually fell six runs short, while Sandwich were unable to take the final wicket.

Sandwich Town 2nd XI

		Runs
Scott Blackman	b Sharp	43
Kevin Beaumont	ct Tombs b Crompton	0
John Ewart	ct Smith b Glass	4
Rhys Jones	lbw b Neame	42
Zack Fagg	b Sharp	7
Daniel Burgess	ct Foster b Crompton	42
James Bolt	ct Patel b Foster	21
Dan Cook	b Foster	0
Ben Thurgate	ct Sharp b Sharp	10
Connor Summers	not out	18
Colin Aldred	not out	1

Extras	(1b 2lb 21w 1nb)	25
Total	(9 wickets, 50 overs)	213

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Aaron Glass	10	2	32	1
Dave Crompton	13	4	50	2
Nigel Sharp	15	3	42	3
Matt Barnett	3	0	26	0
Michael Neame	4	0	22	1
Nathan Foster	5	0	38	2

Gore Court 2nd XI

		Runs
Matt Tombs	b Cook	67
Ali Rushworth	b Bolt	32
Aaron Glass	ct Burgess b Thurgate	2
Sanjay Patel	ct Thurgate b Aldred	47
Matt Barnett	ct Thurgate b Beaumont	25
Paul Geary	ct Summers b Beaumont	17
Nathan Foster	lbw b Beaumont	0
Dave Crompton	b Aldred	2
Nigel Sharp	st Ewart b Beaumont	3
Barry Smith	not out	1
Michael Neame	not out	1

Extras	(4b 1lb 5w 1nb)	11
Total	(9 wickets, 50 overs)	208

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Connor Summers	5	1	29	0
James Bolt	4	0	19	1
Kevin Beaumont	13	0	40	4
Ben Thurgate	4	0	21	1
Colin Aldred	15	4	49	2
Dan Cook	9	1	45	1

Blues boss in struggle to sign Aveley striker Tuohy

FOOTBALL

BY STEVE TERVET

MARGATE manager Iain O'Connell faces a battle to secure the signature of Martin Tuohy despite the official confirmation of the Gate's relegation reprieve.

The Aveley striker was in talks with O'Connell last week but may now be tempted by a move to Braintree Town after seeing his former boss, Rod Stringer, given the top job at the Blue Square South club.

Tuohy continues to head O'Connell's list of transfer targets but he admitted he may have to look elsewhere for attacking options if, as expected, Tuohy teams up with Stringer once again.

"I'm still talking to Martin," said O'Connell. "The only problem is that his previous manager's got the job at Braintree and he wants to take him with him so it might be harder to get him now."

"All the players I'm talking to are talking to other clubs so hopefully the official announcement [of a reprieve] gives another incentive for them to sign. It's better for me because I can speak to other players and tell them we're staying up. I'm talking to five players at the moment and I'll probably get two or three."

Having finished fourth-bottom in the Ryman Premier Division, Blues chiefs always



CONTRACTS: Aaron Lacy, left, and James Pinnock will be playing for Margate next season, says manager Iain O'Connell

expected to be reprieved for a second successive season following financial difficulties at other clubs in the non-league pyramid.

Monday's announcement now allows O'Connell to enter into contract negotiations with prospective signings, having already secured the spine of his team for the 2010/11 season.

Margate's location has presented an obstacle in attracting new players to the club in the past, but O'Connell insists the problem is neither new or insurmountable.

He said: "I've had it at Great Woking, being at the other end of the earth. Players are always thinking about the travelling but it's one



Picture: DAVE STEWART

of those things and you have to deal with it.

"Most of the players are signed so that's it, they're agreed – the likes of Jay Saunders, James Pinnock, Tommy Osborne, Aaron Lacy and Jamie Turner. They're going to be on contracts so there's not been a problem keeping hold of them."

"I'm talking to two other forwards [as well as Tuohy], I'm talking to a full-back who's also played in midfield and can play right across the back-four and I'm talking to a midfield player."

Margate will travel to Great Woking Rovers, O'Connell's previous club, for a pre-season friendly at Burroughs Park on July 31.

BOXING



Picture: STEVE EASTMENT

AGGRESSIVE: Scott Woolford, right, forced the action but Scott Haywood's, left, sharper boxing won the day

Gritty Woolford loses out to Haywood in close-fought return

RAMSGATE welterweight Scott Woolford lost out on points over six rounds in his rematch with Derby's Scott Haywood, who he had beaten on cuts in November, *writes Mick Watkins*.

The return was held on the undercard of the British flyweight title showdown between champion Shinnay Bayaar and Ashley Sexton at Goresbrook Leisure Centre in Dagenham, Essex.

Woolford, 28, was the aggressor throughout and the rounds were hard to score, with neither man able to land any really telling blows or stamp their authority on the fight, and both showing decent defences and picking their shots carefully.

Going into the sixth – and last – round it looked any man's fight and while Woolford tired, Haywood's work was that bit sharper.

Woolford's preparations were hampered when he was forced to spend ten extra days in Australia due to the volcanic eruptions in Iceland, but he made no excuses.

He said: "It was close and Dan [Downer, trainer] said I needed to win the last round. Maybe [being stuck in Australia meant] I wasn't as sharp late on as I would have liked to have been but I can't make excuses."

"Still, it was really close and I thought I could have nicked it."

"I'll get back in the gym and see where we go from there. I said to Haywood we should have another fight, our own little trilogy, but he said he'd rather play tiddlywinks next time and has had enough of me."

Referee Ken Curtis scored the fight 59-56, which seemed wide of the mark to many fans at ringside. The fight looked in the balance in the last round with Haywood, 28, just shading it for the win.

Woolford's record dropped to ten wins, six defeats, three knockouts, while Haywood upped his ledger to 20 wins, five defeats, four knockouts and one draw.



Picture: IAN KILPATRICK

DECISION: Wanderers are due to name their head coach

Stalwart Carlier set for Wanderers coaching job

RUGBY

TOM CARLIER is expected to be confirmed as Thanet Wanderers Rugby Club's new head coach at tonight's first committee meeting since the annual meeting.

Carlier, who resigned as director of rugby in February, is thought to be the sole applicant for the post. Vice-chairman Simon Kemp added to the speculation by declaring: "Tom enjoys the confidence of the players."

At the annual meeting on Friday, Neil Wakefield was elected first-team captain, succeeding Ben Massey, who has joined Canterbury.

Kris Finneran continues as second team captain, Elliot Stokes stays as third-team skipper, and Sam Rolfe succeeds Nick Featherstone as fourth-team captain. Adrian Smith continues in charge of the fifth XV. Robert Howatson-Jones is the new players' rep, succeeding Tim Conroy, who stepped down.

Playing subscriptions were raised from £20 to £25 while the cost of a vice-presidency went up from £60 to £70.

Kemp confirmed the club were exploring the possibility of extending the clubhouse.

He said: "These are early days and money has not been discussed. We have to set up a building committee and take things on from there."

Shepherd slump continues against lowly-ranked Slovak

DARTS

THERE was no upturn in Kirk Shepherd's fortunes at the Players Championship in Austria last weekend as the Ramsgate-born player made two early exits.

Shepherd suffered a humiliating defeat to Gregor Gorjup in Saturday's event, crashing out 6-3 in the preliminary round to a player ranked 1,624th in the world.

The Slovakian's previous career earnings totalled just £67 compared to Shepherd's winnings of £110,000 but with his form continuing to desert him, the 23-year-old was forced to depart at the first hurdle.

Sunday saw Shepherd return to Salzburg's Renaissance Hotel for the second event where he saw off Sebastian Pecjak 6-1 to reach the first-round proper.

There he beat Dave Ladley 6-2 but, drawn against Michael van Gerwen in the second round, he slipped to a 6-2 defeat to leave with prize money of £200.

Simon Whitlock came from 3-0 down to defeat Steve Beaton 6-4 in Saturday's final and he also reached the final on Sunday before losing by the same margin to Phil 'The Power' Taylor.

The tournament was Shepherd's last before he heads to Bolton's Reebok Stadium for the UK Open, which runs from June 3-6 and sees players entered into a random draw irrespective of their rankings.

With the preliminary and first rounds featuring players ranked lower than 64 in the UK Open order of merit, Shepherd will



WELL BEATEN: Kirk Shepherd's form continued to desert him at the Players Championship in Austria

enter at the second-round stage with a tie against Adrian Gray, ranked 45th, ten places above him.

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